**Transition to Stage A – Guidelines**

**Credit Points:**

1. Completion of **30.5** credit points, which must include the courses in **three Mandatory Topics** (minimum grade of 80 in each topic) and the **MSc seminar**. Please note that only one active participation course can be included, and up to 7 credit points from Supplementary Required Courses.
2. Fill in the Excel document attached, according to your latest official grades transcript, to summarize your MSc average grade.
3. Meet Nili to update HU system.

**Qualification Exam:**

Requirements for a preliminary research proposal (Stage A):

1. The preliminary research proposal should describe the questions that the student plans to address in the proposed research. It should contain the following sections:
   1) A short abstract.
   2) An introduction or background section, describing very shortly the state of the art in the research subject.
   3) A section describing the research question/s or goal/s of the research, specifically detailing how this goal goes beyond current knowledge.
   4) A very preliminary results section that should demonstrate that the student is on the way to master the required techniques for addressing the research questions.
2. The expected length of the research proposal is 3 pages (including everything), and in any case it must not exceed the length restrictions of the full (Stage B) research proposal, namely 13 pages, excluding bibliography, tables charts and images.
3. Both the student and the advisor should sign the proposal.
4. Title in Hebrew.

Once you submit your final research proposal to Nili, the Qualification Exam will be scheduled with committee members: Yonatan Loewenstein, Shaul Hochstein and Inbal Goshen.

The Qualification Exam will include the following parts:

1. A presentation of 30 minutes of your research proposal. Please show-up with 3 printed copies of your research proposal.
2. A week prior to your Qualification Exam, you will receive from each one of the committee member a question, which you will reply to during the Qualification Exam (20 minutes total).
The committee will forward its decision to The Authority for Research Students.

The Authority for Research Students:

1. Please register at The Authority for Research Students, once your research proposal is confirmed:

   http://www.research-students.huji.ac.il/

   http://www.research-students.huji.ac.il/%D7%94%D7%92%D7%A9%D7%AA-%D7%9E%D7%95%D7%A2%D7%9E%D7%93%D7%95%D7%AA-0

2. The Authority for Research Students will send an official letter confirming the student’s status as a doctoral student.

*** If you are holding a TA position, make sure Human Resources will receive the confirmation letter.